

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 6. (canceled)

1       7. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 16 characterized in that wherein the plug  
3 housing [[(14)]] and the coupling socket housing [[(2)]] are made  
4 from plastic and the seals (9) is are made in common with the plug  
5 housing [[(14)]] and the coupling socket housing [[(2)]] in a two-  
6 component technique.

1       8. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 16 characterized in that the seal (9) on each  
3 have a radially inner surface turned toward the respective cable  
4 [[4 is]] and provided with circumferential grooves and ribs and  
5 [[forms]] forming a kind of labyrinth seal.

1       9. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 16, characterized in that wherein the plug  
3 housing [[(14)]] and coupling socket housing[[ (2)]] in the region  
4 of the respective seals are each (9) is provided with at least one  
5 longitudinally extending spreading gap or opening.

1           10. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 16 characterized in that wherein the plug  
3 housing [[14]] and the coupling socket housing [[2]] are made from  
4 a metallic material, preferably a noncorroding metal.

1           11. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 10 characterized in that wherein in the making  
3 of the plug housing [[(14)]] and [[/or]] the coupling socket  
4 housing [[(2)]] of metal, between it and the contact sleeve  
5 [[(13)]] an insulating body is inserted.

12. (canceled)

1           13. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 16 characterized in that wherein a the locking  
3 part of the plug housing [[(14)]] or the coupling socket housing  
4 that engages [[one]] around the other of the housings has eyes  
5 [[(11)]] at their ends its end turned away from the cable,  
6 preferably formed as two diametrically opposite eyes.

1           14. (currently amended) The plug connector combination  
2 according to claim 13 characterized in that wherein the locking  
3 part of the plug housing [[(14)]] or the coupling socket housing  
4 (2) one of which is received in the other housing, is provided with  
5 the eyes (11) locally and spatially corresponding and the other  
6 housing has at its part corresponding locking hooks [(15)].

7           15. (original) A method of making a plug [[(16)]] or  
8 coupling [[(1)]] of a ~~plug connector~~ combination according to claim  
9 ~~1 characterized in that~~ wherein the cable [[(4)]] is fed through  
10 the plug housing [[(14)]] or the coupling socket housing [[(2)]]  
11 and through the seal [[(9)]] thereof, that the cable [[(4)]] is  
12 isolated and the contact pin [[(3)]] or the contact sleeve [[(13)]]  
13 is connected by a crimp pliers with the cable conductor [[(12)]] of  
14 the cable [[(4)]] and that the plug housing [[(14)]] or coupling  
15 socket housing [[(2)]] is shoved so further in the direction toward  
16 the contact sleeve with respect to the cable [[(4)]] so that they  
17 lock in the plug housing [[(14)]] or the coupling socket housing  
18 [[(2)]].

1           16. (new) In combination with two cables each having an  
2 outer jacket and an inner conductor projecting from the respective  
3 jacket, a connector assembly comprising:

4           a tubular plug housing extending along a respective  
5 longitudinal axis and formed with a radially inwardly projecting  
6 bead forming an axially outwardly directed shoulder and, axially  
7 outward from the bead, a radially enlarged region;

8           a contact plug in the plug housing and formed with  
9           a pin projecting axially inward from the respective  
10          bead and bearing axially outward on the  
11          respective bead,

12          a pair of hooks axially outward of the respective  
13          bead and bearing axially inward on the shoulder

thereof, whereby the hooks lock the contact plug in the plug housing, and a crimp connector axially outward of the respective bead and gripping the conductor of one of the cables;

a seal in the radially enlarged region of the plug housing and bearing radially inward on the jacket of the one cable whose conductor is gripped by the crimp connector of the contact plug;

a tubular socket housing extending along a respective longitudinal axis and formed with a radially inwardly projecting bead forming an axially outwardly directed shoulder and, axially outward from the respective bead, a radially enlarged region;

a contact socket in the socket housing and formed with a sleeve projecting axially inward from the respective bead and bearing axially outward on the respective bead,

a pair of hooks axially outward of the respective bead and bearing axially inward on the shoulder thereof, whereby the hooks lock the contact socket in the socket housing, and

a crimp connector axially outward of the respective bead and gripping the conductor of the other of the cables;

a seal in the radially enlarged region of the socket housing and bearing radially inward on the jacket of the other

40       cable whose conductor is gripped by the crimp connector of the  
41       contact socket, the socket housing and the plug housing being  
42       fittable axially together with the cables extending axially  
43       oppositely away from each other and with the pin of the contact  
44       plug fitted snugly inside the sleeve of the socket housing, one of  
45       the housings being formed radially inward of the respective bead  
46       with a radially inwardly open groove; and

47               a seal ring in the groove radially inwardly engaging the  
48       other of the housings when the housings are fitted together.